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Church Workers among Colored People,

St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 10—13, 1912.

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THE CONFERENCE OF CHURCH WORKERS.

The 28th annual Conference of Church Workers among Colored People convened in St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C., Tuesday evening, September 10th, 1912, at eight o'clock. Evening Prayer, following processional hymn 516, was said by the Rev. Dr. George Frazier Miller, rector of St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Rev. Richard Bright, Archdeacon of Georgia.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. Henry L. Philips, the Archdeacon of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Henry B. Delaney, Archdeacon of North Carolina, presided. The Rev. Dr. Junius L. Taylor, rector of the Parish, delivered a cordial and hearty address of Welcome, and was followed by the Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Church, New Berne, who, on his own behalf, the diocese, and for the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who was hindered from being present, also, most fittingly welcomed the Conference.

The acting President presented the Rev. Dr. Bragg, Secretary of the Conference, who, on behalf of the Conference, delivered an appropriate response.

The opening service was brought to a close with prayers and benediction by the acting President.

Wednesday Morning September 11

7 A. M. The Holy Communion was celebrated by Archdeacon Delaney, assisted by Archdeacon Russell, a large number partaking of the Sacred Feast.

10 A. M. Morning Prayer was said by Archdeacon Middleton, of Mississippi, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Southern, rector of St. Mark's Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Immediately following the above service, the Conference was called to order, and the roll of clerical and lay delegates were called, and the list of delegates, as found elsewhere,ascertained as present. The report of the Treasurer was submitted, and referred to the following auditing Committee, Rev. Walter D. McClane, chairman, Rev. James E. King, and Archdeacon R. T. Middleton. Space was given at this juncture for payment to the Treasurer of annual membership dues. On motion of the Rev. R. J. Johnson, the printed program, as published, was accepted and approved as the order of procedure.

Rev. Dr. G. F. Miller, in the absence of the Rev. John R. Logan, one of the essayist for the evening, was appointed to open the subject for general discussion; and, Archdeacon Delaney was assigned a similar duty, in lieu of the absence of Prof. Charles H. Boyer.

Upon the motion of Mr. J. Alvin Russell, the name of Hon.

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Isaac H. Smith, was substituted in place of the Rev. Scott Wood, who was absent, to open the discussion on the subject, "The Business or Financial side of Parish Life."

The Rev. S. A. E. Coleman, Augusta, Ga., and Archdeacon Middleton, who attended the Conference for the first time were formally introduced.

The Rev. James K. Satterwhite, delegate from the Convocation of North Carolina, delivered a fraternal message from that body.

The President announced the appointment of the Committees on the State of the Church, and on Resolutions and other Business. The names are given elsewhere accompanying reports.

Resolutions referring to Bishop Tuttle, and others, and concerning the employment of Field Secretaries, for the Third and Fourth Departments, were introduced by Rev. Dr. Bragg. They were read and referred.

Mr. C. E. E. Jacobs, Lay Reader in charge of St. Andrew's Mission Waterbury, Conn., made an interesting verbal report of the work of that Mission.

A departure from the usual order of the Conference was made, and several Churchwomen were introduced, who made brief remarks, as follows: Mrs. M. M., Brockenborough, President of the Woman's Auxiliary; Dr. Lucie Bragg Anthony, Cantey, S. C.; Mrs. James E. King, and Mrs. H. B. Delaney, of Raleigh, N. C.

The president, Rev. Dr. Delaney, called attention to the importance of the clergy, and congregations, assisting in the proposed memorial chapel in memory of the late Rev. Thomas W. Cain, to be erected at his birth place, Warrenton. N. C.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter D. McClane the Secretary was directed to send a telegraphic message to the President, Rev. Dr. Phillips, expressive of the Conference's sorrow at his inability to attend its present sessions.

Afternoon of Wednesday.

Devotions by the President. In the absence of the essayist, the Rev. E. E. Miller, the Rev. R. J. Johnson opened the discussion of the subject: "For What Purpose is the Church"? The subject was further discussed by the Rev. Messrs. Maloney, W. J. Heritage, Hamilton, Middleton, D. J. Lee and Coleman.

The Rev. W. J. Heritage, of Edenton, opened the discussion of the subject: Work and Worship, and the after discussion was participated in by Rev. James K. Satterwhite, and others.

The Rev. Dr. George F. Bragg, of Baltimore, read a paper, "How To Produce Self-sustaining Congregations." The subject

was further discussed by Archdeacons Avant, Middleton, Russell, Bright, and the Rev. Mr. McClane.

The Evening of Wednesday.

Evening Prayer was said by the Revs. James E. King, and James K. Satterwhite. The Rev. George F. Miller introduced the subject of the "Laity at Work in the Church." The subject of "Our Educational Institutions and their Needs" was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Delaney. The subjects of the evening were further discussed by Rev. Dr. Bragg, Rev. Samuel H. Bishop, and others. The Rev. Mr. Bishop took the place of the Rev. Dr. McGuire who at the last moment was hindered from attending the Conference. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

7 A. M. Holy Communion, Rev. R. J. Johnson, celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Heritage.

9 A. M. Morning Prayer said by Rev. Messers.. E. H. Hamilton, and S. A. E. Coleman.

Following the close of Morning Prayer, the Conference was called to order. Rev. A. B. Hunter, Principal of St. Augustine's School was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference on the educational relationship between the Conference and the Church Schools.

Rev. Mr. Satterwhite offered a resolution, found elsewhere, with respect to the above matter, which resolution was referred. A general discussion of educational interests here ensued.

The place of the next annual meeting being under consideration, the Rev. Dr. George F. Miller read a letter from the Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop inviting the Conference to hold its next annual meeting in St. Philip's Church, that city. Mr. J. Alvin Russell, of Lawrenceville, extended an invitation for the Conference to meet at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville. After much discussion of the matter, by a vote of 17 to 8, it was decided to accept the invitation to meet at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville. Following the decision, the vote was made unanimous for Lawrenceville.

The Afternoon of Thursday.

After suitable devotions by the President, the minutes were read and approved. The chief business being the annual election of officers, it was proceeded with, with the following result:

President, Rev. Henry B. Delaney, D. D.

Vice-President, Rev. Walter D. McClane.

Secretary, Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., D. D.

Assistant Secretary, Rev. James K. Satterwhite.

Treasurer, Mr. Archer C. Nicholson.

Necrologist, Rev. Emmet E. Miller.

Histographer, Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., D. D.

The Rev. E. H. Hamilton read a paper "Example and Precept" which was discussed by the Rev. Dr. Bragg, Rev. Mr. Coleman and others. Adjournment.

The Evening of Thursday.

Evening Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Maloney. The Hon. Isaac H. Smith, who was to open the discussion, "The Business or Financial Side of Parish Life" being detained on a sick bed, sent the following note, which was read, and which was also accompanied with Five Dollars.

Mr. President and Members of the Conference of Church Workers: Ladies and Gentlemen:

As many of you as are led by the Spirit of God, ye are the sons of God. None but the sons of God will ever be able to advance the cause of Christ among Colored People or any other people. Give the Colored People a clean ministry throughout, from "a" to "z." I insist and suggest that you insist that all Colored Parishes become self-sustaining. I suggest that you dive deep into the hidden mysteries of a rich treasury, and bring to the surface one great truth that will be an uplift to the race, if practiced by them; after you have taught the lesson by precept and example. The race needs your best effort and your wisest judgment. I heartily congratulate you all in your noble work, and may your effort result in much good to the race, and end in glory to God. Convert your laity into the sons of God, and at once the financial side will be looked into; with a view of becoming self-sustaining. As a conclusion of the whole matter, the following must be taught all people: How empty is learning, how vain is art, save that portion that is used to guide the life and mend the heart.

The subject was duscussed by Mr. Archer C. Nicholson of Philadelphia and Mr. W. J. Latham of Raleigh. The Rev. Walter D. McClane read a paper, "The Young People and the Church" which was discussed by Rev. Drs. Bragg and Miller, Rev. Mr. King, and Mr. Israel Harris. Archdeacon Russell presented a paper, "The Family Life and the Church" which was discussed by Rev. Drs. Miller and Bragg. Adjournment.

Friday A. M.

Important business made it necessary for a short session in the forenoon of Friday, following the service of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The auditing committee reported that the Treasurer's ac-

counts were alright and properly sustained by vouchers. The report was approved.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was continued. The Committee on Business, and Resolutions, reported back, with favorable recommendation, the several matters referred to them. They were all adopted and may be found elsewhere marked, A. B. C. D.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report which was adopted, and ordered to be read at the closing session in the evening. The same order was made as to the Resolutions of Thanks.

Upon the motion of the Rev. James E. King, it was voted that the Secretary be empowered during the year to draw a draught to be signed by himself and the president to meet the necessary expenses of the Conference.

Upon the motion of the Rev. Robert J. Johnson, $10 was voted to the Secretary for services rendered.

Upon motion of the Rev. James E. King, it was voted that the sum of $5 be donated to the sexton of the Church of St. Cyprian's, New Berne, N. C. The secretary read the following telegram from the Rev. Dr. Phillips in reply to the message sent him: "Good wishes for every member of the Conference." Adjournment.

HENRY BAIRD DELANEY,
President.
GEORGE FREEMAN BRAGG, JR.,
Secretary.

Special Notice.

The annual membership dues of every clergyman, in Church work among the colored people, is One Dollar.

Each mission, or parish, is requested to make an annual contribution of One Dollar.

All monies should be sent to Mr. Archer C. Nicholson, Treasurer, 400 South Juniper street, Philadelphia.

Ten copies of the Minutes will be sent to each clergyman, or congregation, paying the One Dollar requested.

Each parish, or mission, is entitled to send two lay delegates to the Conference; and, each parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is entitled to send two delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Committee on the State of the Church.

After well-nigh a half century, in the Providence of God our Father, it has been permitted, this, the 28th Annual Conference of Church Workers among Colored People, to hold its regular session with the old Mother Church of that section of the country south of Maryland. The assembling of such a goodly number of priests on the soil of North Carolina is, in itself, not only to the glory of God, but the highest kind of tribute and praise to North Carolina's greatest Bishop, Thomas Atkinson, who, ere the late Civil War had terminated, came forward in the changed order of civil re-construction, and insistently demanded such ecclesiastical re-construction as would graciously harmonize with the new order of things in state. The late Bishop Atkinson, as a noble pioneer, was the leader in advocacy, both of colored priests and colored congregations, and, under him and by his counsel, North Carolina was the first of all the Southern dioceses to admit colored congregations, as regular parishes, into union with the diocesan convention; and, it is a peculiar pleasure to this Conference that it has enjoyed the privilege of holding its session on the very spot purchased by the late Bishop Atkinson, for the home of the oldest parish among our people South of Maryland—St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C., founded June 1, 1866.

We have been powerfully impressed by the many evident signs which have manifested themselves on every hand attesting the strength, vigor and aggressiveness of Church principles so zealously inculcated from the beginning to this present time; and, we can hardly find fitting words to describe our great joy and appreciation of the marvelous work wrought in recent years by this historic parish wherein we have sojourned.

The reports, with respect to conditions in the various fields, which have been made by the clergy and other representatives all over this country, encourage us greatly to renew our zeal and steadily press forward and possess this land for Christ and His Church.

We would beg to direct the attention of the entire Church to the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va., by one of our own number, the venerable James S. Russell, Archdeacon of Southern Virginia, and express the most earnest wish that those who are rich in this world's goods may have it in their hearts to contribute so liberally to this institution that the celebra-

tion of the approaching anniversary may witness the cancellation of all indebtedness against the school, so that this splendid institution may the more easily continue its blessed work of racial uplift and social amelioration.

We can also but express the very earnest hope that the exceptional men of peculiar scholarship, magnificently equipped for the teaching office, may find in our general institutions the opportunity for the employment and use of their gifts and faculties, to the improvement and joy of their brethren as well as to the glory of Almighty God. It can hardly be creditable to us that some of our brightest men are forced to literary work in denominational institutions, while we have institutions of higher learning where the young men and youth of the race are most anxious for the personal contact and helpfulness of such eminently qualified men and women of the race. Invoking the Almighty that He would remove all hindrances to the advance of His Kingdom among our people, both from within and from without, we may securely repose in the strength and power of His love. Grateful to God our Father for the love and mercy which have ever pursued us in all our endeavors, and earnestly entreating all our people, wheresoever they may be, in the communion of the Holy Catholic Church of Christ, to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, we commend them to the word of His Grace, and the sanctifying influences of His blessed Spirit which are able to keep them, and at last realize the fullness of joy on their behalf, as they stand complete in Him before the Father's Throne.

GEORGE F. BRAGG, JR., Chairman.
WALTER D. McCLANE,
ARNOLD H. MALONEY,
GEORGE FRAZIER MILLER,
DAVID JONATHAN LEE,
JAMES S. RUSSELL,
RICHARD BRIGHT,
JUNIUS L. TAYLOR,
RICHARD TEMPLE MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM J. HERITAGE,
W. J. LATHAM,
ARCHER C. NICHOLSON,
C. P. CRAFT.

(A) Missionary Districts and Negro Bishops.

Resolved, That this Conference of Church Workers, among the Colored People, in annual session in St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C., desires hereby to place on record its profound gratitude and appreciation of the Most Rev. Dr. Tuttle, Presiding Bishop of the American Church, and all of the good friends who gave such hearty support to the measure offered in the House of Bishops, at Cincinnati, in 1910, by the Bishop of Missouri, looking to the establishment of Missionary Districts, on behalf of the Colored race; and

Be it further Resolved, That we earnestly request the House of Bishops, at its next meeting, in connection with the General Convention, to adopt the legislation proposed by the Most Rev. Dr. Tuttle, in the General Convention of 1910, or such other measure as will accomplish the same end sought by the author of the legislation to which we have referred.

(B) Field Secretaries.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions, with the consent and approval of the Councils of the Third and Fourth Missionary Departments of the Church, be, and they are hereby requested to appoint a suitable colored priest in each of these departments, as a Field Secretary for that particular department.

It is our mind that such general officers should be under the direction and guidance of the Ordinary in whose dioceses they operate. In all matters where there is no conflict with diocesan orders, the President of the Missionary Society should be the acknowledged authority. The duties of such officers should be: Gathering of all kinds of statistics, and information, pertaining to the race and the Church; conducting "Missions,' and holding conferences; visiting of all the colored institutions in the department, whether under Church auspices or not; systematic communications with all the missions and parishes of the department, both colored and white, in an endeavor to stir up their interest and secure their contributions on behalf of the educational and other work of the Church within that particular department; and, in general, to be a helpful auxiliary to the diocesan, in giving such close attention to matters particularly concerning the colored race, which is impossible for the Bishop, by reason of the magnitude of Diocesan work, as a whole.

Resolved further, That the Secretary be directed to forward, without delay, a copy of this action to each of the Missionary Departments named herein, requesting favorable

consideration and action; and, also, a copy be forwarded to the Rt. Rev. President of the Missionary Society.

Church Schools.

Resolved, That the Conference of Church Workers among Colored People, assembled in St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, places itself on record as heartily in sympathy with the effort of the Church carried on at St. Augustine's School, Raleigh; St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville; The Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, and the Vicksburg Industrial School, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Resolved further, That this Conference recommend, through its representatives, clergy and laity, to the several congregations throughout the country, that they make an annual offering to aid the work carried on in these institutions.

(D) An Appreciation.

Whereas, The Conference of Church Workers among Colored People has been so cordially welcomed by the Rector of the Parish, and by the Rev. Mr. Huske, of Christ Church, who also represented the Bishop of the diocese, and having so fully enjoyed the hospitality of the Rector, Congregation, and the good people generally; and

Whereas, Everything has been done for our comfort and happiness that could have been reasonably expected, be it

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Conference, do extend to the Rector and good people of this parish, and their friends the organist and choir not forgetting the young cornetist, for the excellent music rendered, our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the manner in which they have contributed to our pleasure and happiness, during our stay in their midst.

We also wish to express the great pleasure we have had in being the guests of St. Cyprian's, the Mother Church of the Colored people in this Southland, and we wish for one and all God's richest blessings.

J. E. KING, Chairman,
GEO. FRAZIER MILLER,
JAMES S. RUSSELL,
ALONZO JOHNSON,
WALTER D. McCLANE,
RICHARD BRIGHT,
Committee.

Clergy Present.

The Rev. Walter D. McClane, Cambridge, Mass.
The Rev. Alonzo Johnson, Hartford, Conn.
The Rev. George Frazier Miller, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
The Rev. G. M. Plaskett, Orange, New Jersey.
The Rev. George Freeman Bragg, D. D., Baltimore, Md.
The Rev. A. H. Maloney, Annapolis, Md.
The Rev. James S. Russell, Archdeacon Southern Virginia.
The Rev. D. J. Lee, Norfolk, Virginia.
The Rev. E. H. Hamilton, Hampton, Va.
The Rev. H. B. Delaney, D. D., Archdeacon of North Carolina.
The Rev. James Edward King, Raleigh, North Carolina.
The Rev. R. J. Johnson, Durham, North Carolina.
The Rev. J. K. Satterwhite, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
The Rev. William George Avant, Archdeacon of East Carolina.
The Rev. W. B. Suthern, Wilmington, N. C.
The Rev. Junius L. Taylor, D. D., New Bern, N. C.
The Rev. William J. Heritage, Edenton, N. C.
The Rev. John Walter Heritage, Kinston, N. C.
The Rev. Richard Bright, Archdeacon of Georgia.
The Rev. R. T. Middleton, Archdeacon of Mississippi.
The Rev. S. A. E. Coleman, Augusta, Ga.
The Rev. A. B. Hunter, Raleigh, N. C.
The Rev. Samuel H. Bishop, New York.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. C. C. E. Jacobs, Hartford, Conn.
Mr. Archer C. Nicholson, Philadelphia.
Mr. J. Alvin Russell, Lawrenceville, Va.
Mr. W. J. Latham, Raleigh, N. C.
Mr. Israel Harris, New Berne, N. C.
Dr. Frank Avant, Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. ——— Bright, Washington, N. C.
Mr. C. P. Craft, Charleston, S. C.
Mr. D. J. and J. W. Henly, North Carolina.

Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Rev. James E. King, Chairman; Rev. Dr. G. F. Miller, Archdeacon Russell, Archdeacon Bright, Rev. Messrs. Walter D. McClane and Alonzo Johnson.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE OF CHURCH WORKERS AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

Receipts.

1911.			
Oct.	6—To balance from old account	$53.97	
1912.			
Sept.	10—To cash from offerings, St. Syprian's Church, New Berne, N. C	7.15	
	10—To cash Communion Alms, St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C	1.89	
	11—To cash from offerings, St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C	7.01	
	11—To cash from Clergy and Lay Delegates	34.50	
	12—To cash from offerings, St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C	5.63	
	13—To cash from offerings, St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C	5.53	
	23—Total receipts		$116.64

Disbursements.

Nov.	21—By cash to Rev. Geo. F. Bragg for publication of Minutes of Conference of 1911 and postage	$37.00	
1912			
July	12—By cash to Rev. Geo. F. Bragg for printing of programs (1000) and to cover postage and correspondence in sending out programs and in securing speakers and writers (1912)	15.00	
Sept.	13—By cash to sexton of St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, N. C., as voted by the Conference	5.00	
	13—By cash to Rev. Geo. F. Bragg as voted by the Conference	10.00	
	23—Total expenses to September 23rd, 1912		67.00
	23—Balance in Treasury		$ 49.64

ARCHER C. NICHOLSON,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 23rd, 1912.

Membership Dues Paid at New Berne.

Two Dollars—Rev. A. B. Hunter. One Dollar each—Rev. Messrs. McClane, A. Johnson, Plaskett, Bragg, Maloney ,Russell, Lee, Hamilton, Delaney, J. E. King, R. J. Johnson, Satterwhite, Avant, Taylor, Suthern, J. W. Heritage Bright, Middleton, R. I. Johnson, Coleman. One Dollar was sent by the Rev. E. L. Baskervill, Lexington, Ky.

From the Laity.

Five Dollars—Hon. Isaac H. Smith. One Dollar each—Messrs. Jacobs, Nicholson, Craft, Bright, St. Philip's, Annacostia, and St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, Va. Fifty Cents—W. J. Latham.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Preliminary Meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon, September 12, 1912, in St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, a preliminary meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Conference of Church Workers, was opened with prayer by the President, Mrs. M. M. Brockenbrough, Richmond, Va. Twenty-seven delegates were enrolled, as follows:

St. James, Baltimore, Md.—Misses Rosa Peters, Mabel Marlowe and Mrs. Nellie G. Bragg. St. Philip's, Richmond, Va.—Mrs. Lily V. Johnson, Mrs. Brockenbrough, Misses Morris and Gilliam. St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, Va.—Miss Otelia V. Russell. Grace, Norfolk, Va.—Mrs. M. W. Knight, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Lucy Knight. St. Ambrose, Raleigh—Mrs. J. E. King and Mrs. Bettie Harris. St. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte, N. C.—Miss Connie S. Young. St. Luke's, Tarboro, N. C.—Mrs. M. E. Perry. St. John the Evangelist, Edenton, N. C.—Mrs. E. A. V. Heritage. St. Cyprian's, New Berne, N. C.—Mrs. M. H. Thompson, Mrs. J. L. Taylor, Misses Amey C. Rhone and Mary Thompson. St. Mark's, Wilmington, N. C.—Mrs. L. Howe and Miss F. Norwood, St. Augustine's, Raleigh; Mrs. H. B. Delaney, Mrs. A. B. Hunter. St. Paul's, Washington, N. C.—Miss Flora Payton. St. Titus, Durham, N. C.—Miss Kate Truman. St. Augustine, Savannah, Ga.—Mrs. M. M. Weston.

The President stated that the meeting was called to transact routine business, so as not to interfere with the program arranged for Woman's Day, on the morrow.

The President appointed the following committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year (to report on Friday morning): Mrs. Harris, of North Carolina; Miss Russell, of Southern Virginia, and Miss Peters, of Maryland. The following committee on Finance and Appeals for Aid was appointed: Misses Connie S. Young, Kate Truman and Mrs. L. Howe.

Suggestions were then invited with respect to the preparation of Christmas boxes, Hospital boxes, and Miscellaneous Miss. boxes. Mrs. Bragg suggested the giving of each child a useful and joyful present, also candy, an orange or apple. Mrs. Hunter suggested that bed linen, gowns, and surgical instruments were best for hospital boxes. Mrs. King suggested that for miscel-

laneous boxes some one be appointed to throw aside worthless articles. Dr. Anthony suggested that all articles not new be sterilized before being sent. Mrs. Perry suggested that for family boxes the husband or wife be asked what is most necessary. All agreed that all express and postage charges be prepaid, and a little sum of money tucked in, if possible. The "house to house canvass" was next discussed. It had been tried and found very successful, but should be a continuous work. After discussion of the question allowing other guilds in Church to report work done in Auxiliary, it was decided, by vote, that only Auxiliary work should be reported in this body.

Suggestions were asked as to the conduct of a model Auxiliary meeting. Many good suggestions were offered, but that of Mrs. J. L. Taylor gained general acceptance. Her suggestions were as follows: Meet weekly, from house to house, and open meeting with prayer and Auxiliary hymn. Let one member read aloud from the "Spirit of Missions" while others work. A mission lecture, from time to time, by the rector or missionary. A thank offering, light refreshments and close with prayer.

The President gave a talk with respect to the corporate communion of the Auxiliary.

"How to Improve the Auxiliary" was the last topic discussed. Mrs. Perry thought a good way to increase the efficiency of the Auxiliary was by not making frequent changes in the officers. A change very often took away a good officer and put a poor one in place. She thought that they should be kept in as long as their work proved satisfactory. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Mrs. King, of Raleigh.

Woman's Day, Friday, September 13.

The 18th annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Conference of Church Workers was duly opened in St. Cyprian's Church, New Berne, at 10 a. m., the Rev. Dr. George F. Bragg, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., celebrating the Holy Communion, and the Rev. G. M. Plaskett, of Orange, N. J., the preacher.

Following the close of the service, the meeting was called to order, the President, Mrs. M. M. Brockenbrough in the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report, showing a balance of 11.22, was read and accepted. The following parochial reports were given in:

Churches.	To Conference.	Year's Work.
S. Bartholomew's, Cambridge, Mass	$ 5.00	$ 6.00
Meade Chapel, Alexandria, Va	1.00	5.60
S. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte	2.00	52.00
S. James, Lunenburg, Va	1.00	21.30
S. Mark's, Bracey, Va	2.00	2.00
S. Paul's, Lawrenceville, Va	5.00	45.71
S. Augustine, Savannah, Ga	1.00	1.00
S. Philip's, Richmond, Va	2.00	66.77
S. Andrew's, Lexington, Ky	1.30	16.53
S. Cyprian's, Pensacola, Fla	1.00	5.00
S. Mary's, Belle Haven, N. C	.50	.50
S. John Evangelist, Edenton, N. C	1.00	1.00
S. James, Baltimore, Md	4.00	33.00
S. Philip's, Jacksonville, Fla	3.00	8.00
S. Mary the Virgin, Baltimore	2.00	71.90
S. Augustine, Youngstown, Ohio	3.50	70.50
S. Thomas, Philadelphia	4.50	93.00
S. Philip's, Newark, N. J	4.00	4.00
Epiphany, Orange	2.00	2.00
S. Mark's, Wilmington, N. C	5.00	5.00
S Paul's, Washington, N. C	1.00	1.00
S. Mark's, Charleston, S. C	2.00	2.00
S. Cyprian's, New Berne, N. C	2.00	278.00
S. Philip's, Charlestown, W. Va	2.00	31.50
S. Luke's, Tarboro, N. C	3.25	13.05
S. Luke's, New Haven, Conn	6.30	31.70
S. Andrew's, Waterbury, Conn	1.00	1.00
Ch. of Crucifixion, Philadelphia	2.50	2.50
S. Monica's, Hartford, Conn	1.00	1.00
S. Ambrose, Raleigh, N. C	4.00	4.00
S. Augustine, Raleigh, N. C	2.00	2.00
Total	$77.85	$878.56

The Junior Auxiliary.

S. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte, N. C	$ 7.74
S. James, Baltimore	37.00
S. Thomas, Philadelphia	38.00
Total	$82.74

Baby's Branch.

S. James, Baltimore, Md., $12.00. Total.....$12.00

The Committee on the Nomination of Officers recommended the election of the following persons, and they were unanimously elected:

President, Mrs. M. M. Brockenbrough; Vice-President, Mrs. M. W. Knight; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Adelaide Stewart; Secretary, Miss Otelia V. Russell; Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Burr.

Mrs. J. L. Taylor in the chair, the President made a few remarks upon the re-election of officers and stated that Miss Stewart, the Corresponding Secretary, desired to donate her salary to the Auxiliary for missionary purposes. By a vote Miss Stewart was thanked for her contribution. By a rising vote the Auxiliary extended a vote of thanks to the Rev. George M. Plaskett for his very helpful sermon, delivered at the opening of the Auxiliary. After devotions by the Rev. Mr. Plaskett a recess was taken until the afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled. Hymn 249 and suitable devotions by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Bragg.

Mrs. M. H. Thompson delivered an address of gracious welcome to the city, to the Church and to the homes of New Berne. The Chaplain, in presenting the President, to deliver her annual address, said in substance: "Mrs. Brockenbrough, since her election in 1909, with untiring zeal has given herself to the work of the Auxiliary, and she has had no equal in that office save the late Mrs. Brodie, of Washington. The work can only be done by untiring self-sacrifices and consecration, and in the person of your President these qualities have been most faithfully translated." The President then delivered her address, which will be found elsewhere. Mrs. M. E. Perry, of Tarboro, N. C., read an interesting paper on the "Beginnings of the Conference Auxiliary." Miss Connie S. Young, of Charlotte, read a very instructive paper, "Our Juniors." A paper written by Miss Richards, of New Jersey, was read with splendid effect by Mrs. Mary Thompson, of New Berne, N. C. A paper on the "Babies Branch" was read by Miss Lily V. Johnson, Richmond, Va., and it being so very helpful, its publication in the "Church Advocate" was requested. Mrs. M. B. Fisher, of New Berne, sang a most beautiful solo; the Auxiliary extended her a vote of thanks. Mrs. A. B. Hunter gave an interesting talk on life at St. Augustine's School, and the Rev. Samul H. Bishop gave an inspiring and stirring missionary talk. Mrs. Delaney brought greetings from the women of North Carolina, while Miss Norwood brought greetings from the sisters of East Carolina. Letters of good cheer were read from Miss Emery, the General Secretary of the National Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. W. Howells, Vice-President of the diocesan branch of the New Jersey Auxiliary.

The Hon. Isaac H. Smith, of New Berne, sent an inspiring message, accompanied with Five Dollars, for the purposes of the

Auxiliary. The Hon. Mr. Smith was given a vote of appreciation.

During the singing of Hymn 253 the offering was lifted by Mrs. Howe and Miss Truman. Closing prayers and benediction by the Chaplain.

The Auxiliary then adjourned to meet in Lawrenceville in 1913.

Report of Finance Committee.

Auxiliary offierings from parishes and missions	$ 77.85
Balance brought forward from last year	11.22
Offerings Woman's Day	**13.35**
Total	$102.62
Disbursements	88.62
Balance in Treasury	14.00

Disbursements.

President's traveling expenses	$ 12.00
Contribution for work in Greensboro, N. C	5.00
Annual contribution to Bp. Ferguson, Africa	25.00
Contribution, Rev. Mr. Benedict, Haiti	25.00
On Memo. Window, St. Cyprian's, New Berne	5.00
Con. Meade Chapel, Alexandria, Va	5.00
Con. St. Titus, Durham, N. C. (Rev. Mr. Johnson)	5.00
St. Ambrose, Raleigh (Mrs. J. E. King)	5.00
Postage, money orders, etc	1.17
Express charges on Aux. book, from Orange, N. J	.45
Total	$ 88.62

Respectfully submitted,

L. HOWE,
CONNIE S. YOUNG,
KATE TRUMAN,
Committee.

The President's Annual Address.

A meeting of friends is always pleasant and interesting, but when that meeting is to discuss intelligently things necessary to the welfare of all, the meeting then becomes doubly interesting.

Among the many questions that arise from such discussions I shall select the ones that have come to me so often, directly and indirectly. They are the following: Why should we have an Auxiliary to Conference of workers among colored people? Why do you wish two Auxiliaries. Is it not enough to have Woman's Auxiliary to Board of Missions? To begin with, we do not desire to have two separate branches. We wish to have every church woman a member of the Auxiliary to Board of Missions, and in addition, those of us who work among colored people to interest themselves in the problem of how best to carry on the church work among our own people. There is no thought at all of separation; the idea is to make the Auxiliary work more effective and far-reaching.

A Conference is a gathering of any set of persons to deliberate upon affairs of interest to that body.

The Negro problem is one of the burning issues of today.

In politics, society and religion, it turns up continually. Every gathering of importance, whether religious or secular, discusses the place the colored race is to occupy in the New World.

We would be a strange people indeed if we did not take up the problem ourselves and concentrate our energies on trying to solve it also.

The name of the Conference alone gives ample reason for its existence.

If then we acknowledge the necessity for our men to think, pray and work, for light on the subject, it must appear to you that it is entirely necessary that our women be the Auxiliary, or helper to them in their struggle.

If the men of our race win recognition as true men, that means an uplift for the colored woman. So long as their position is not assured ours is much worse. Hence the urgent need of putting forth every effort to meet and solve the Negro problem.

In olden times it was ever a woman who bound her colors on her true knight's arm and bade him go forth to redress wrongs and protect his home, his country and his honor.

In the then lawless and unsettled times it was necessary to do those things, but he could not feel so intensely the imperative call until he had met the right woman—the one for whom he felt bound to or die. That duty of olden days devolves today upon each and every woman present, only in a different form. The days of chivalry are over, but the battle for right against wrong goes on each day.

Our men must face a stern uphill fight to reach the goal. No mercy is shown them in life's battle; the cry of "No quarter" is heard on all sides; they must either make good or go under for all time.

The Negro knight of the Twentieth Century must face more danger, slay more fiery dragons of ignorance, prejudice and injustice and rescue more distressed people than ever a knight of olden time. But think for what he is striving—think how just and right is his cause—to be recognized as a man, the noblest work of God. Think how great it will be if he succeeds in his aim.

It will read like romance, the wonderful uplift from heathenism and servitude to civilization and true Christian manhood. Now, ladies, can you see why there should be an Anxiliary to Conference? Do you still object, still doubt the wisdom of its proceedings?

Whose duty, think you, it is to help the colored man in his struggle but your own; not only a duty, but a privilege, a God-given opportunity to do your best.

If you desire an upright, true manhood, then set the example of purity of thought, word and deed, in womanhood.

Have one standard for both, a White life.

No amount of prejudice or ignorance can forever resist the beauty and grandeur of a pure life.

Then to us comes the work of purifying and of sweetening the lives of those with whom we come in contact.

The Auxiliary woman is to get into her mind the idea that she is not defiled by what she touches, but by what she harbors in her heart.

If Christ has cleansed our inner lives we need not fear to reach out and reclaim for Him the woman of the street or the man in the gutter. Indeed, if He has touched our lives we must help just such lost ones for whom He died.

And among no race do we need more of that work than among our own people.

In order to do this effectively we must beat down self, for selfishness destroys all the beauty and helpfulness of life, and only the love of the dear Master can expel it from the human heart.

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul,
Love is the only angel that can bid the gates unroll,
And when He comes to call thee, arise and follow fast,
His way may be through darkness, but it leads to light at last."

We have no need to feel discouraged from the reports that come to us. New Auxiliaries are formed and old ones taking on new life. But we must not rest on our oars, every day brings its own duties. Rest comes at last, but not yet. Just now it is the joy of serving the bearing of our own particular cares, the sowing of precious seed that others may reap the benefits, the King's business, and that you know demands haste.

It is well to do mission work but better if we do it intelligently, so we recommend to your especial notice the mission study classes.

Either the classes or the program meetings will interest all and open up new views and raise your ideals of missions and giving.

One of the most important truths learned is the systematic continuous giving, instead of spasmodic effort, by which little is accomplished and perhaps some harm done.

You can see for yourself how hurtful it must be to start up a mission station, church or school, and then allow it to die from want of system in giving to the work.

I hope that each delegate will interest her branch in the work if they are not already so interested. For the house to house canvass I have only praise and the hope that you may give it a trial in your parish. If your branch of Auxiliary seems dull and lacking in interest start up this canvass. You will find that it is just what is needed

to arouse the energies of your members, and give your branch new life. A personal appeal is worth all the letters and notices in the world, especially if your canvassers possess in some degree tact and personality.

The Juniors present many and perplexing problems, but it is greatly worth while to interest if possible the young folks of the church. I find it better to separate the girls and boys. It seems difficult to arrange work of interest and to suit the two together, because what appeals to boys will not to girls. If among your members you are so fortunate as to have a boy-lover you might form a chapter of Brotherhood of St. Paul. It is a church society for boys only, and it appeals to them at once. The main object is to get our best boys for the ministry, though of course all boys are eligible to membership. With an enthusiastic teacher who can understand boys, the brotherhood will be a great success.

It is impossible to start too early to bring our children in the church and in close touch with its teachings. The Babie's Branch takes the infant at baptism as one of its members and trains them until they are ready for the Juniors.

From the branches I have named you can see how well the Woman's Auxiliary is fitted to carry on our church work since all these branches radiate fom the Auxiliary as centre.

No chuch, however small, will lose by forming each and every one, Woman's Auxiliary to Board of Missions and Conference of Church Workers among colored people, the Junior Auxiliary, the Brotherhood of St. Paul and the Babies Branch.

It is indeed a fact that we cannot stand still. The Master's command is to "Go forward." To "go forward" with all this grand and glorious work for the dear Master, not fearing the difficulties to be confronted or the opposition to be overcome, but remembering always no matter how hard and rugged our pathway that

"Anyone can carry his burdens, however heavy, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, potently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down, and that is all that life ever really means."

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1883. New York.
1884. New York.
1885. Richmond Va.
1886. Washington,
1887. Baltimore.
1888. Norfolk, Va.
1889. New York.
1890, Philadelphla.
1891. None held.
1892. Baltimore.
1893. Louisville, Ky.
1894. Philadelphia.
1895. Washington.
1896. Charleston, S. C.
1897. Baltimore
1898. Richmond, Va.
1899. New York.
1900, Raleigh, N, C.
1901. Philadelphia.
1902, Washington.
1903. New Haven,
1904. Newark.
1905. None held.
1906, Baltimore.
1907. Asbury Park.
1908. Brooklyn.
1909. Lawrenceville,
1910. Cleveland,
1911. Orange.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF AFRO-AMERICAN CLERGY

According to Year of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Rev. Henry L. Phillips, 1876
Rev. William H. Wilson, 1877
Rev. A. A. Roberts, 1879
Rev. Cassius M. C. Mason, 1883
Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, 1883
Rev. Joshua Bowden Massiah, 1883
Rev. Henry Mason Joseph, 1884
Rev. John W. Perry, 1887
Rev. James S. Russell, 1887
Rev. William Victor Tunnell, 1887
Rev. Henry Stephen McDuffy, 1888
Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., 1888
Rev. E. H. Butler, 1889
Rev. John Henry Simons, 1891
Rev. John Wesley Johnson, 1891
Rev. John Albert Williams, 1891
Rev. Henry Baird Delaney, 1892
Rev. A. H. Lealtad, 1892
Rev. George Frazier Miller, 1892
Rev. Richard Bright, 1892
Rev. William Montgomery Jackson, 1893
Rev. Owen Meredith Waller, 1893
Rev. Walter H. Marshall, 1894
Rev. Maximo Felix Duty, 1894
Rev. Thomas Jacob Brown, 1894
Rev. Oscar Lieber Mitchell, 1894
Rev. J. J. N. Thompson, 1894
Rev. E. N. Hollings, 1895
Rev. A. C. V. Cartier, 1895
Rev. Edmund Robert Bennett, 1896
Rev. Joseph Fenner Mitchell, 1896
Rev. Isaiah P. Daniels, 1896
Rev. Charles Wesley Brooks, 1897
Rev. Eugene Leon Henderson, 1897
Rev. George Alexander McGuire, 1897
Rev. Stephen Decatur Phillips, 1897
Rev. E. George Clifton, 1898
Rev. Franklyn A. I. Bennett, 1898
Rev. John Randolph Brooks, 1898
Rev. John C. Dennis, 1898
Rev. August E. Jensen, 1899
Rev. B. Wellington Paxton, 1899
Rev. Scott Wood, 1899
Rev. E. Thomas Demby, 1899
Rev. William J. Heritage, 1899
Rev. James Nelson Deaver, 1899
Rev. William George Avant, 1899
Rev. Arthur Goff Coombs, 1900
Rev. George Bundy, 1900
Rev. Joseph W. Livingston, 1902
Rev. Thomas George Brown, 1902
Rev. David Richard Wallace, 1902
Rev. Edward Sherman Willett, 1902
Rev. Richard Temple Middleton, 1903
Rev. Robert Davis Brown, 1903
Rev. Joseph Silas Quarles, 1903
Rev. A. Eustace Dey, 1904
Rev. Nathaniel Peterson Boyd, 1904
Rev. Charles Henry Male, 1904
Rev. James Edward King, 1904
Rev. Robert Wellington Bagnall, 1905
Rev. Milton Moran Weston, 1905
Rev. David LeRoy Ferguson, 1905
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Rev. Robert Henry Tabb, 1906
Rev. Charles Louis Somers, 1906
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Rev. Junius L. Taylor, 1906
Rev. William B. Suthern, 1906
Rev. Ferdinand M. Mann, 1906
Rev. Samuel Whitmore Grice, 1906
Rev. John Baptist Mancebo, 1907
Rev. Floarda Howard, 1907
Rev. Roger Clinton James, 1907
Rev. John Samuel Simmons, 1907
Rev. James Henry King, 1907
Rev. Edmund Harrison Oxley, 1907
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Rev. Robert Nathaniel Perry, 1907
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Rev. Alonzo Johnson, 1908
Rev. William Thurber Wood, 1908
Rev. J. C. VanLoo, 1908
Rev. Robert Bagnall, 1908
Rev. Ernest Sydnor Thomas, 1908
Rev. Jesse David Lykes, 1908
Rev. Erasmus Lafayette Baskerville, 1908
Rev. Jacob R. Jones, 1909
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Rev. C. E. F. Boisson, 1909
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Rev. George Edward Howell, 1911
Rev. Arnold H. Maloney, 1912
Rev. John T. Ogburn, 1912
Rev. E. H. Hamilton, 1912

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Rev. W. W. Cheshire, 1879
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Rev. John Thomas Harrison, 1885
Rev. James T. Kennedy, 1890
Rev. Charles L. Simmons, 1892
Rev. Thomas Burke Bailey, 1895
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Rev. Arthur W. H. Collier, 1903
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Rev. Walter T. Cleghorn, 1908
Rev. A. C. Roker, 1908
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Rev. Robert Z. Johnstone, 1910
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